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TAGS: CGEN, APER, ABUD, SA
SUBJECT: FY 1979 "CONSULAR PACKAGE REQUEST"

REF: STATE 087841

FOLLOWING IS CONSULAR PACKAGE REPORT REQUESTED IN DEPTTEL:

SCHEDULE I IMMIGRANTVISAS

NEAR EAST/SOURTH ASIA

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

	FY-1976	FY-1977	FY-1978	FY-1979
	(ACTUAL)	(ESTIMATE)	(ESTIMATE)	(ESTIMATE)

1. IV'S ISSUED	141	170	200	230
2. IV'S REFUSED	18	25	30	35
3. TOTAL IV CASES	159	195	230	265

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

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AMERICAN OFFICERS:

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT	600	750	800	850
5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	9	0	0	0
6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	0	0	0	0

7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS	600	750	800	850
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LOCAL:

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1000	1600	2000	2400
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9. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
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10. PIT	0	0	0	0
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11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS	1000	1600	2000	2400
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12. TOTAL IV MAN HOURS	1600	2350	2800	3250
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PERCENT OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

13. USE OF INTERPRETER: 45 PERCENT

14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK: 100 PERCENT

A. ALL APPLICANTS FOR IV'S AT THIS POST ARE THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. APPROXIMATELY 45 PERCENT OF THESE APPLICANTS ARE NATIONALS OF YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC. YEMINI APPLICANTS GENERALLY DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND ARE DISTINGUISHED BY A HIGH RATE OF FRAUD. AS THERE EXISTS NO RELIABLE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS IN YEMEN, THERE HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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FALSE CLAIMS OF RELATIONSHIP MADE BY FORMER NATIONALS OF YEMEN NOW RESIDENT IN US TO YEMENIS NOW RESIDENT IN DHAHRAN AREA. ALL YEMENI APPLICANTS MUST BE CLOSELY AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED WITH THE AID OF INTERPRETER TO DETERMINE THEIR BONA FIDES. IN POST'S EXPERIENCE ANY RELAXATION OF TIME-CONSUMING, DETAILED INTERVIEW PROCEDURE RESULTS IN FLOOD OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT APPLICANTS SEEKING TO PROCESS PETITIONS HERE. AT PRESENT TIME POST IS NOT EXPERIENCING INCREASE IN YEMENI APPLICATIONS, BUT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CLOSE VIGILANCE ON THEIR APPLICATIONS.

B. PROJECTIONS OF GROWTH IN IV ISSUANCE STEM FROM INCREASED EMPLOYMENT IN DHAHRAN AREA OF NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE HISTORY OF SEEKING TO IMMIGRATE TO US. IN PARTICULAR THERE HAS BEEN RAPID GROWTH IN NUMBER OF KOREAN AND FILIPINO WORKERS EMPLOYED HERE. DHAHRAN AREA HAS LONG HAD LARGE COMMUNITY OF INDIANS AND PAKISTANIS. THIS COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GROW AND CONTRIBUTE MUCH OF

POST'S CASE LOAD.

C. MANY AMONG DHAHRAN'S LARGE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ARE MARRIED TO FOREIGN SPOUSES. NUMEROUS MAN-HOURS ARE CONSUMED EXPLAINING REQUIREMENTS OF PC-1 VISAS TO THOSE SPOUSES WHO HAVE NOT YET IMMIGRATED TO US. MANY ADDITIONAL MAN-HOURS ARE SPENT IN EXPLAINING TIME LIMITS ON RESIDENCE ABROAD TO SPOUSES WHO ALREADY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO US AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS AND ARE NOW COMING OVERSEAS TO RESIDE WITH THEIR CITIZEN SPOUSES WHO ARE WORKING WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES IN DHAHRAN.

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2. SCHEDULE II NOIMMIGRANT VISAS

NEAR EAST
SOUTH ASIA

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978 FY-1979
(ACTUAL) (ESTIMATE) (ESTIMATE) (ESTIMATE)

15. NIV'S ISSUED	3811	5250	6500	7500
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16. NIV'S REFUSED	21	50	100	150
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17. TOTAL NIV CASES	3831	5300	6600	7650
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

18. FULL-TIME 700 1100 1200 1300
B PERMANENT

19. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0
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20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 0 .0 0 0

21. SUB-TOTAL AMER- 700 1100 1200 1300
ICAN MAN-HOURS
LOCAL

22. FULL TIME 1080 1380 1800 2600
PERMANENT

23. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

24. PIT 0 0 0 0

25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL 1 80 1380 1800 2608-
MAN-HOURS

2" TOTAL NIV MAN-HOURS 1780 2480 3000 3900

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED -FY-1976 \$8,679.50

28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS -0

29. CREW LIST VISAS FY-1976 -32

30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS FY-1976 - 992

PERCENT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

31. INTERVIEWS - 50 PERCENT

32. USE OF INTERPRETER -15 PERCENT

33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK -15 PERCENT

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A. APPROXIMATELY 76 PERCENT OF NIV APPLICANTS AT POST ARE SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONALS, MOST OF WHOM ARE GOING TO US FOR SOME TYPE OF TRAINING. AT THE PRESENT TIME FRAUD IS VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN THIS GROUP. DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING PROBLEMS HAVE AT TIMES ARISEN IN DEALING WITH THESE APPLICANTS CONCERNING THEIR PROPER NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION. IT IS NECESSARY TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO EXACTLY WHAT THESE APPLICANTS INTEND TO DO IN US.

B. AS MORE AND MORE THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS COME TO SAUDI ARABIA TO WORK, POST CAN EXPECT AN INCREASE IN NIV APPLICANTS FROM THESE GROUPS AS WELL. WHILE MANY OF THESE APPLICANTS ARE BONA FIDE, THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE INTENDING IMMIGRANTS. CAREFUL ATTENTION MUST BE PAID THESE APPLICANTS. IN MANY CASES THIRD COUNTRY CHECKS ARE NECESSARY. AS THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN WORKERS OF NATIONALITIES WHICH OFTEN SEEK TO IMMIGRATE TO US (E.G. KOREA, PHILIPPINES, INDIA, PAKISTAN, ETC.) INCREASE IN DHAHRAN AREA, POST CAN EXPECT NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN MALA FIDE APPLICATIONS. INDEED, INCREASE OF REFUSALS IN FY-1976 OVER FY-1975 RESULTED LARGELY FROM INCREASE IN MALA FIDE APPLICATIONS MADE BY RECENTLY ARRIVED NATIONALS FROM PHILIPPINES AND KOREA.

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3. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

NEAR EAST/SOUTH ASIA

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

FY-17## FY-1977 FY-1978 FY-1979
 (ACTUAL) (ESTIMATE) (ESTIMATE) (ESTIMATE)

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN

DEATHS	23	30	35	40
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35. ESTATE/PROPERTY

CLAIMS	3	5	9	13
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36. NOTARIALS	7343	8500	9000	9500
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37. WELFARE &

WHEREABOUTS	140	200	270	350
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38. ARRESTS	6	15	25	35
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39. SEAMEN AND

SHIPPING	10	15	20	25
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40. OTHER AGENCY

SERVICES	46	75	100	130
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41. TOTAL SCS CASES	7571	8840	9459	10,093
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

42. FULL TIME PERMANENT	900	1800	2000	2200
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43. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
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44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	0	0	0	0
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45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS	900	1800	2000	2200
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LOCAL

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1400	1700	2200	2500
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47. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
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48. PIT 0 0 0 0

49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 1400 1700 2200 2500

50. TOTAL SCS MAN-HOURS 2300 3500 4200 4700

51. TREASURY CHECKS FY-1976 - 855

A. SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES ARE THE VX RAPIDLY
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INCREASING AREA OF DHAHRAN'S WORK LOAD. THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDING IN EASTERN PROVINCE OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS DOUBLED WITHIN PAST TWO YEARS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO RISE RAPIDLY OVER NEXT FOUR YEARS. MOST NEWLY ARRIVING AMERICANS ARE COMING TO SAUDI ARABIA TO WORK FOR COMPANIES OTHER THAN ARABIAN-AMERICAN OIL COMPANY (ARAMCO). IN PAST ARAMCO ASSUMED MANY OF POST'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, BUT ARAMCO REFUSES TO ASSUME THIS BURDEN FOR THOSE NOT WORKING DIRECTLY FOR IT AND HAS IN PAST YEAR

CEASED TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES FOR ITS CONTRACTORS. POST, THEREFORE, IS MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION WORK THAN IT WAS IN PAST YEARS WHEN MOST AMCITS RESIDENT HERE WORKED FOR ARAMCO. THIS IS PARTICU-

LARLY TRUE AS MANY NEW ARRIVALS ARE WORKING FOR COMPANIES

WHICH ARE ALSO NEW ARRIVALS HERE AND ARE THEREFORE UNFAMILIAR WITH LOCAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS.

B. POST IS OFTEN ASKED TO PERFORM MANY SERVICES NOT NORMALLY REQUESTED ELSE WHERE. AMCIT RESIDENTS CAN ONLY EFFECTIVELY TURN TO THEIR EMPLOYERS OR TO CONSULATE WHEN THEY ARE IN DIFFICULTY, AS THERE ARE NO NON-MUSLIM CLERICS, OR PSYCHIATRISTS HERE, AND LOCAL POLICE ARE SO CULTURALLY DIFFERENT THAT FEW AMERICANS WOULD SEEK TO INVOLVE THEM IN THEIR PROBLEMS. POST THUS HAS FLOOD OF PERSONS SEEKING HELP WITH SUCH THINGS AS MARITAL PROBLEMS, MENTAL ILLNESS, ETC. ALTHOUGH POST CAN AT BEST BE OF ONLY LIMITED ASSISTANCE IN SUCH MATTERS, CONSULAR OFFICERS MUST IN INTEREST OF GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY EVEN TO THOSE WHOM THEY CANNOT HELP.

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C. POST IS PREDICTING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS CASES AS RESIDENT AMERICAN POPULATION GROWS. MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND US IS OFTEN SLOW AND INACCURATE, TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS POOR, AND TELEX RATES ARE VERY HIGH. IT CAN REASONABLY BE ANTICIPATED THAT MANY AMCITS WILL SEEK TO USE DEPARTMENT'S SUPERIOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. POST'S CONSULAR OFFICERS WILL BE FORCED TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH SUCH CASES, WHILE BEING CAREFUL TO INTERVENE ONLY IN SUCH CASES WHERE NO

OTHER ALTERNATIVE FORM OF COMMUNICATION IS FEASIBLE.

D. DEATH CASES FORM ANOTHER RAPIDLY GROWING COMPONENT OF POST'S WORKLOAD, WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE PRIMARILY DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS. FORMALITIES REQUIRED BY HOST GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO

EXPORT REMAINS OF DECEASED ARE OFTEN TIME CONSUMING. WHILE MAJOR BURDEN OF THESE FORMALITIES USUALLY FALLS UPON EMPLOYER, POST DOES FROM TIME TO TIME HAVE TO ASSIST. ALTHOUGH ESTATE CLAIMS ARE FEW AT POST, THOSE WHICH DO OCCUR ARE OFTEN TIME CONSUMING. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES POLICE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED PERSON, IF THAT PERSON'S FAMILY IS NOT PRESENT.
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POLICE ARE SUPPOSED TO TURN OVER SUCH EFFECTS TO EMBASSY OF DECEASED'S NATIONALITY. THIS PROCESS IS OFTEN MARKED BY LONG DELAYS AND IN SOME INSTANCES EFFECTS HAVE BEEN

LOST. IF POLICE TAKE POSSESSION OF EFFECTS, CONSULAR OFFICER MUST PURSUE CASE TO BE CERTAIN EFFECTS ARE INDEED EVENTUALLY TURNED OVER.

E. AS POST IS ONLY PLACE IN EASTERN PROVINCE WHERE DOCUMENTS MAY BE NOTARIZED IN ROMAN ALPHABET, DEMAND FOR NOTARIAL SERVICES IS HEAVY AND INCREASING. AS RECENTLY ARRIVED AMERICANS HAVE PROPERTY TO BUY OR SELL, THIS CAUSES STEADY STREAM OF PEOPLE WITH POWERS OF ATTORNEY, WILLS, AND DEEDS TO POUR INTO CONSULAR SECTION DURING HOURS IT IS OPEN TO PUBLIC.

4. SCHEDULE IV CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES
NEAR EAST/SOUTH ASIA
DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

	FY-1976	FY1977	FY-1978	FY-1979
	(ACTUAL)	(ESTIMATE)	(ESTIMATE)	(ESTIMATE)

52. PPT. APPLICATIONS

EXECUTED	1036	1500	2000	677 2500
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53. PPT. APPLICATIONS

EXAMINED	1038	1505	2007	2509
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54. FEE PASSPORTS

ISSUED	1035	1495	1990	2485
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55. NO-FEE PASSPORTS

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ISSUED	1	5	10	15
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56. PPT'S. AMENDED

OR EXTENDED	80	150	250	300
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57. NEW REGISTRATION

APPLICATIONS	1000	1500	2500	3500
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58. REPORTS OF BQJ M	74	100	125	150
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59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	2	2	3	3
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60. WAIVER OF

PASSPORTS	0	0	0	0
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61. SUB-TOTAL OF

PASSPORT CASES	1195	3262	4895	5477
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62. IDENTITY CARDS

ISSUED	0	0	0	0
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63. TOTAL PASSPORT

CASES	1195	3262	4895	5477
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

64. FULL TIME

PERMANENT	300	500	700	900
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65. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
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66. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	0	0	0	0
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67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS	300	500	700	900
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68. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1100 1700 2200 3300

69. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

70. PIT 0 0 0 0

71. SUB-TOTAL PPT

MAN-HOURS 1100 1700 2200 3300

72. TOTAL PPT

MAN-HOURS 1400 2200 2900 4200

73. AMERICANS REGISTERED 3/31/77: 2,000

AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT:

74. OFFICIAL -463

75. NON-OFFICIAL - 16,000

A. POST IS EXPERIENCING DRAMATIC INCREASE IN PASSPORT APPLICATIONS, AND INCREASE WILL SURELY CONTINUE FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS. RISE IN PASSPORT WORK HAS PARALLELED GROWTH IN RESIDENT AMERICAN COMMUNITY. PROBLEM WILL BE EXACERBATED BY FACT THAT PASSPORTS ISSUED IN 1977 AND SUBSEQUENT UNCLASSIFIED

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YEARS WILL HAVE NO EXTRA PAGE INSERTS. AS MOST AMCITS LIVING IN SAUDI ARABIA MUST OBTAIN EXIT VISA EACH TIME THEY LEAVE COUNTRY, MOST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES REQUIRE THEM TO OBTAIN VISAS BEFORE ARRIVAL, AMCITS RESIDENT HERE QUICKLY FILL UP PAGES IN THEIR PASSPORTS. IN FY-1976 POST INSERTED MORE THAN 1700 EXTENDER PAGES, AND IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS BY MORE THAN 2,000 PAGES HAVE BEEN INSERTED. POST ANTICIPATES THAT IT WILL HAVE TO REPLACE 1977 EDITION PASSPORTS IN WHICH PAGES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 1977. THIS SITUATION COUPLED WITH NATURAL GROWTH IN PASSPORT DEMAND WILL CAUSE PASSPORT ISSUANCE TO NEARLY DOUBLE IN FY-1978. AT THAT TIME POST WILL NEED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE OCCUPIED FULL TIME WITH TYPING PASSPORTS.

B. AS POST IS ONLY FOREIGN CONSULATE WITHIN 1,000 MILES IN REGION WHERE MOST TRAVELLERS MUST OBTAIN VISAS IN ADVANCE AMCITS FREQUENTLY SEEK FROM POST INFORMATION ON FOREIGN LAWS ON ENTRY AND DEPARTURE.

5. SCHEDULE V CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

NEAR EAST/SOUT ASIA

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

FY-196

HOURS GAINED AMERICAN LOCAL

OVERTIME 420 400

DETAILS IN 0 0

HOURS LOST AMERICAN LOCAL

DETAILS OUT 0 0

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STAFFING GAPS 0 0

PROLONGED LEAVE 0 0

NEAR EAST/SOUTH ASIA

DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

AMERICANS

VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL

76. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 2 2

77. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 2 2

78. FILLED 3/31/77 2 2

INCREASE/DECREASE

79. REQUIRED FY 1978 - 0

80. REQUIRED FY 1979 - 1

LOCALS:

VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL

81. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 2 2

82. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 4 4

83. FILLED 3/31/77 3 3

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INCREASE/DECREASE

84. REQUIRED FY-1978 - P

85. REQUIRED FY-1979 - 1

A. FOURTH LOCAL POSITION IN CONSULAR SECTION NOT FILLED
DUE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE LIMITING HIRING (SEE STATE
050048). AS SOON AS HIRING LIMITATION REMOVED POST WILL
ATTEMPT TO FILL POSITION.

B. POST BELIEVES REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FSO VICE CONSUL FOR

FY-1978 MADE IN LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE REPORT
CAN BE POSTPONED ONE YEAR, IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES
ADDITIONAL REQUESTED FSL POSITION. ADDITIONAL FSL
POSITION WILL ENABLE POST TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF
ITS IV AND PASSPORT OPERATIONS, THEREBY ELIMINATING
NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AMERICAN STAFF NEXT FY.

6. SCHEDULE VI-FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.
NEAR EAST/SOUTH ASIA

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A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED

AMERICAN - 9 LOCAL - 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER
THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN- 0 LOCAL - 0

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NONREIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES
ON FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN -200 LOCAL -50

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS:

3.B. DONE BY REGULAR PERSONNEL OF CONSULAR SECTION
MAN-HOURS:

AMERICAN -15 LOCAL -6

VISA APPLICATIONS -10 5 RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE -0

PPT APPLICATIONS -0 0 RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE-0

DONE FOR INS 5 1 RATE OF INCREASE/DECREASE -0

OF CASES INVESTIGATED, WHAT PERCENT FINALLY ISSUED:

VISAS -70 PERCENT

PASSPORTS -- (NO INVESTIGATIONS PERFORMED)

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 3/31/77 -2

D. SERVICES FOR INS

(1) NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS -66

(2) NUMBER OF I-151 CARDS SURRENDERED -0

(3) I-151 CARD INTERVIEWS LOST OR STOLEN -6

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E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES - 0

F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED -10

G. NOT APPLICABLE

H. BREAKDOWN OF CONSULAR STAFFING PATTERN

(1) LOCALS: 1 SCS, 1 PPT, 1 VISAS

(2) AMERICANS - 1 OFFICER - NIV'S, PPT'S, NOTARIALS,

0 1 OFFICER BQEV'S, SCS

8. SPECIAL PROBLEMS:

(1) EXIT VISAS

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(A) SAUDI ARABIA'S EXIT VISA LAW GREATLY INCREASES AND COMPLICATES POST'S WORK LOAD. THIS LAW BASICALLY PROHIBITS FOREIGNERS FROM LEAVING COUNTRY WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM SPONSOR (IN ALL CASES THIS IS EITHER SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL OR COMPANY INCORPORATED IN SAUDI ARABIA). EVEN REMAINS OF DECEASED FOREIGNERS ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT. POST FREQUENTLY IS REQUESTED TO ASSIST AMCITS WHO MUST LEAVE COUNTRY ON EMERGENCY BASIS AFTER REGULAR WORKING HOURS OF SAUDI OFFICES OR ON WEEKEND OR HOLIDAYS. FREQUENTLY POST CAN ONLY OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR AMCIT TO DEPART BY WRITING LETTER TO OR CALLING PERSONALLY ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR. SUCH PROCEDURE INVOLVES NOT ONLY DUTY OFFICER BUT ALSO SERVICES OF LOCAL INTERPRETER (LETTER MUST BE IN ARABIC).

(B) MORE THAN JUST DEPARTURE OF CITIZENS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IS COMPLICATED BY EXIT VISA REGULATIONS. THE EXISTENCE OF THESE REGULATIONS HAS CAUSED MOST COMPANIES OPERATING HERE TO HOLD PASSPORTS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, SINCE ONLY SPONSORING EMPLOYERS MAY TAKE PASSPORTS TO SAG PASSPORT OFFICE TO OBTAIN EXIT VISAS. AS LONG AS EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS TRUST EACH OTHER, PROCEDURE WORKS SATISFACTORILY, BUT IF EMPLOYER AND

EMPLOYEE DISAGREE SYSTEM BREAKS DOWN. USUALLY IT IS
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POST POLICY TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN LABOR DISPUTES;
HOWEVER, POST HAS EMPLOYEES COMING TO CONSULAR
SECTION ALMOST DAILY COMPLAINING THAT THEIR PASSPORTS
ARE BEING HELD AND THEY ARE BEING DETAINED IN COUNTRY
AGAINST THEIR WILL. CURRENTLY POST HANDLES THIS
TYPE OF SITUATION BY TELEPHONING EMPLOYER AND
REMINDING HIM THAT PASSPORT IS USG PROPERTY AND
CANNOT BE WITHHELD FROM ITS BEARER. CONSULAR OFFICER
ALSO REMINDS DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE OF HIS RIGHTS
UNDER SAUDI LABOR ARBITRATION LAW. SUCH PROCEDURE
IS TIME CONSUMING AND OFTEN DOES NOT SOLVE PROBLEM OF
DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE, WHO CANNOT LEAVE COUNTRY
WITHOUT EXIT VISA WHETHER OR NOT HE RETAINS
POSSESSION OF HIS PASSPORT.

(C) AS NOTED IN REMARKS TO SCHEDULE IV ABOVE, REQUIREMENT
FOR AMCITS TO OBTAIN EXIT VISA EACH TIME THEY LEAVE
IS CHIEF CAUSE FOR GREAT DEMAND FOR EXTRA PAGE
INSERTS FOR AMERICAN PASSPORTS. POST IS NOTICING AN
INCREASE IN REPORTS OF LOST PASSPORTS, MOST OF
WHICH SEEM TO BE LOST EITHER BY AMERICANS, EMPLOYERS
OR BY SAR IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES DURING PROCESSING
OF PASSPORTS FOR EXIT VISAS.

(2) TRAINING

(A) DURING REPORTING PERIOD TRAINING OCCUPIED AN UNUSUALLY
LARGE PORTION OF CONSULAR OFFICER'S TIME. DHAHRAN
AREA IS EXPERIENCING RAPID INCREASE IN WAGE RATES DUE
LOCAL ECONOMIC BOOM AND POST'S SALARY SCALE HAS BEEN
UNABLE TO KEEP PACE. DURING PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS
VACANCY HAS OCCURRED IN JUNIOR CONSULAR CLERK
POSITIONS ON THE AVERAGE OF ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS.
CLERKS, THEREFORE, HAVE NOT BEEN REMAINING WITH
CONSULATE LONG ENOUGH TO ACQUIRE SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE
TO ENABLE THEM TO WORK WITHOUT VERY CLOSE SUPERVISION
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(B) DUE CONDITIONS OF LOCAL LABOR MARKET IT HAS PROVED
IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTRACT SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONALS TO WORK
IN CONSULAR SECTION. TWO JUNIOR POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY

FILLED BY THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS, WHO HAVE ALSO
DISADVANTAGE OF BEING FEMALE IN SAUDIAARABIA'S MALE
DOMINATED SOCIETY. THEY THUS CANNOT ASSIST
CONSULAR OFFICER WHEN HE MUST MAKE CALLS ON LOCAL
OFFICIALS OUTSIDE CONSULATE.
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